



VOODOO VOICE

Rutland Middle School - "Where Everybody is Somebody"

Website: www.rms.sd23.bc.ca

November 2017

PRINCIPAL's MESSAGE

Hello parents and guardians,

As always, it is hard to believe that we are already into November of this school year. We are so pleased that our new grade 6s have settled in so well in their new school; I want to recognize the support of parents in our community, the leadership of our WEB teachers and grade 8 WEB students in the transitions, and the amazing teachers we have at grade 6. We are fortunate to have such an amazing group of Rutland Middle school and community members who work with such dedication for the success of our students.

It's the time of year where I always encourage parents/guardians to have their children dress appropriately for the season when they come to school. As the temperature drops, it's important that students wear winter clothing (jackets, gloves, snow pants, boots, etc.) – we know that when it snows, students love going outside to play. We want to limit the amount of students who call home for a spare change of clothes, or who go home to change because they're wet; it is difficult for parents and guardians to run dry clothing to the school constantly. I really appreciate your help in having these conversations with your children when the weather finally turns.

On Friday, November 10 at 9:15am, we will be holding our school's Remembrance Day assembly. We have a wonderful guest speaker planned, and have a staff committee working together to put together a memorable show. Please feel free to attend this assembly. We love to see our community attend this important event as we honour and remember the sacrifice that Canadians have made for us in the past, and present.

Lastly, our first reporting period will be ending in early December; I always encourage families to directly contact your child's teachers regarding their achievement and progress prior to report cards being issued. We have had two formal parent/guardian and teacher meetings this year (our open house BBQ, and our parent-teacher conference evening), and whether you were able to attend or not, it is always important to reach out regarding your child's progress if you require any information or updates. Please never hesitate to contact the school for any questions, at any time.

Jim Laird, Principal

Important Dates for November/December

November 2 – Grade 6 immunizations
November 3 – Non-instructional day for new curriculum (no school)
November 10 – Remembrance Day ceremony 9:25-10:25 am
November 10- Drop-in Badminton (all levels welcome) 3:25-4:30 pm
November 13 – Stat in lieu of November 11 – Remembrance Day
November 17 - Drop-in Badminton (all levels welcome) 3:25-4:30 pm
November 20 – PAC Meeting 7:00 pm
November 24 - Drop-in Badminton (all levels welcome) 3:25-4:30 pm
November 29 – Last day of Enrichment #1
December 1 – Term 1 ends
December 11 – PAC Meeting 7:00 pm
December 15 – Report cards go home
December 22 – Last day of school before winter break

[WE day Vancouver October 18th.](#) There were 29 RMS students that attended the WE Day concert this year. We were fortunate to hear many inspiring speakers share their stories and now have many ideas on how we can become a generation of "WE" rather than "ME". Our students are looking forward to hosting a toy drive for Christmas this year, creating online bullying awareness initiatives, and raising funds for families in Ecuador.

[Library](#) - Books are the NEW, COOL in thing to do! Come on up to the library and check out all the new reads. November's author is Debra Ellis and the genre is Conflict and Unrest. Check out a nonfiction book retelling the stories of WWI and WWII, learn why we celebrate those who sacrificed for our freedom.

[Yearbook](#)

Do you have some great pictures that you wish could be in our school yearbook? How about some sports action shots that you took from the bleachers? HJ eShare is a simple way for students, parents, teachers, coaches and others in the school community to upload pictures for possible use in the yearbook. There are two options available:

Through your web browser at <http://www.hjeshare.com/> or from your iPhone or Android (you will need to download the Herff Jones eShare app). Our school code is: RutlandMiddle2018

Please direct any questions to Mrs. Gagliano agnes.gagliano@sd23.bc.ca